

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1 1. A method for washing a rubber blanket on a blanket cylinder of a
2 rotary press, said blanket having ends which are clamped in a clamping channel
3 extending axially on the circumferential surface of said cylinder, said method
4 comprising:

5 providing a cleaning element which can be pressed against blanket
6 cylinder as said cylinder rotates;

7 rotating said cylinder for a plurality of initial revolutions;

8 lifting said cleaning element off of said blanket cylinder each time the
9 clamping channel passes under the cleaning element;

10 rotating said cylinder for at least one subsequent revolution following said
11 initial revolutions; and

12 pressing said cleaning element against said blanket cylinder continuously
13 during said at least one subsequent revolution.

1 2. Apparatus for washing a rubber blanket on a blanket cylinder of a
2 rotary press, said blanket having ends which are clamped in a clamping channel
3 extending axially on the circumferential surface of said cylinder, said apparatus
4 comprising:

5 a cleaning element which can be pressed against blanket cylinder as said
6 cylinder rotates;

7 a throwing-on device for pressing the cleaning element against the blanket
8 cylinder and lifting the cleaning element off the blanket cylinder;
9 a transmitter which signals the position of the clamping channel as the
10 blanket cylinder rotates; and
11 a control unit having an input connected to said transmitter and an output
12 connected to said throwing-on device.

1 3. Apparatus as in claim 2 wherein said cleaning element is one of a
2 cloth, a brush, and a doctor.